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[Information for Licensing in Alberta \(CLASS 5 BASIC & ADVANCED, plus CLASS 4\)](#)

The Driving Academy offers instruction in Class 4 & 5. Motor cycle training is offered in the spring, with a minimum of 8 students. Phone: 403 678-3087 for more info.

GDL (GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSING):

Alberta and most provinces now have the GDL program. It is designed to give new or novice drivers the knowledge, skills, and experience to consistently have good driving habits and responsible decision making skills. They are in two stages: stage 1-"Learner" and stage 2 -"Probationary"

A. LEARNER: to obtain a Learners License, you must be 14 years of age or older, pass a written or vision test, have parental consent if under 18 yrs. You must hold the Learners license for a period of 1 yr. in order to apply for the Basic class 5 license. Other restrictions are:

1. Must be accompanied by a fully licensed driver who is 18 yrs. or older (non-probationary), who is seated next to the driver.
2. Not permitted to drive from midnight to 5 a.m.
3. No more passengers than seat belts.
4. Fewer demerit points (8) are allowed than for a fully licensed driver.
5. Have zero alcohol level (0 tolerance).

B. CLASS 5 – Basic (Probationary Driver) “B”

After the 1 year period, and the driver is 16 yrs., they can apply to pass the Basic road test, which is 1/2 hr. in duration. When they pass, they are on the Probationary program for 2 yrs. and the following conditions apply:

1. Must spend a minimum of 2 years as a probationary driver.
2. Cannot serve as an accompanying driver to a learner.

3. No upgrading to a commercial license.
4. Fewer demerit points are allowed.
5. No more passengers than seat belts.
6. Have a zero alcohol level (0 tolerance).

EXCEPTIONS ARE:

- a. Driver's from other Provinces can exchange their learners to an Alberta class 7. As long as they have had their learners for 365days (1 year & 16 years old). They are then eligible to do their road test for a class 5 GDL, which they retain for a 2 year period.
- b. In order to do their road test for a class 5 ADV. , they must be 18 years of age and have 2 years of driving experience.
- c. FOREIGN DRIVER'S: If a Driver is from Switzerland, Germany, Austria, USA, Belgium or Korea, they can exchange a license for the same license. The BASIC or ADVANCED class is determined by the number of years they were driving in their countries, either from their license or driving records produced. JAPAN must write a knowledge test and provide a length of time they were driving in Japan (or will fall into the GDL program).
UK must provide a letter showing they currently have a valid UK license.
- d. All other countries are required to do a knowledge test, and as long as they Have PROOF OF A DRIVING RECORD FOR A 2 YR. PERIOD, they can do either road Test 5 (Basic: 30 minutes), or 5 (Advanced: 60 minutes).
They fall into the rules of the class of road test they have passed .

C. CLASS 5 – Advanced Driver's License: (fully licensed driver) “A”

- a. ALL DRIVER'S from Canada, and are not included in the above categories, Need to take an advanced Driver's Test after having being on probation for a 2 year period. The test is 1 hour long in duration – the test requires these drivers to consistently demonstrate safe driving skills and responsible decision making skills. It is not a mandatory test, but the driver will continue to be on the GDL program if not completed. The following conditions apply.
 1. Have been suspension free for the last year.
 2. Pass an advanced road test.

D. CLASS 4 (PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS LICENSE). (ambulance or taxi and up to 24 passenger bus).

Driver must be off the probationary 2 yr. period in order to apply for this license.

Conditions:

- a. Must pass a written test.
- b. Must have a medical from a doctor (not covered by health care- approx. \$60-70.)
- c. Must pass a road test (45 -1 hr.)
- d. Must hold a drivers license, class 5 or more, and be 18 yrs. or older.

Canmore road test day: Thursday (678-9320)& in Banff: Thursday (762-2177) info [@banffbureau.com](mailto:info@banffbureau.com) (book minimum 1 week in advance)

Canmore/Banff Driving Academy: Class 5 B & Advanced Prices

1. BASIC ROAD TEST: “B”

Canmore: (1/2hr. lesson) plus ½ hr. road test + car rental: = \$ 70.00

Banff: (½ hr. lesson) plus ½ hr. road test + car rental: = \$ 90.00

2. ADVANCED ROAD TEST: “A”

Canmore: (½ hr. lesson plus 1 hr. road test + car rental: = \$ 95.00

Banff: (½ hr. lesson plus 1 hr. road test + car rental: = \$ 115.00

FOR MORE INFO PHONE US AT: 678-3087 OR THE BANFF BUREAU: 762- 2177 OR info@banffbureau.com (for their prices).
AB Transportation: www.saferoads.com

*****THE DRIVING ACADEMY CANNOT CONDUCT OR BOOK IN ROAD TESTS FOR ANY CLASS OF LICENSE. PLEASE PHONE THE MOTOR VEHICLES IN CANMORE OR BANFF TO DO THIS. (Canmore -678-9320) Banff: 762-2177)